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SUBJECT: Project ARTICHOKE

1. You will recall that the handling of the above project for the past year has been considerably confused and that a number of efforts have been made to put sufficient impetus behind the project so that some concrete results could be accomplished.

2. Attached is a memorandum dated 14 July 1952 which concurred on your behalf, recommending that over-all responsibility for this Project be transferred from OSO to P&O, and that responsibility for the necessary supporting research be transferred to the R&D program of OSO under the supervision of [redacted] and [redacted] All use of the technique or other activity in the [redacted] will be under the complete control of the Senior CIA representative in any area concerned.

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3. As you are aware, coordination of this project on behalf of [redacted] has been assigned for the past year to the [redacted]. It is not believed that there is any functional reason why this Project should be handled by the [redacted]. The basic participation in the Project involves the exercise of an operational CI and operational security judgment. This matter has been discussed with the [redacted] Chief, [redacted] and [redacted] and it is the concensus that the responsibility for the project should be transferred at this time to [redacted]

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ACTION

4. It is recommended that you authorize the transfer of this Project from Chief, [redacted] to Chief, [redacted]

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Concur

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Attachment: Memo dated 14 July 1952

cc: [redacted]

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